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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008.

The total SAKs for this project was 6,723. Of these 6,723 SAKs, 4,763 were determined to be unanalyzed. As of October 25, 2010, all 4,763 unanalyzed SAKs have been outsourced for analysis, with 232 SAKs awaiting results to be returned from the outsourcing laboratories.

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,763	71%	232	3%
Analyzed SAKs	1,960	29%	6,491	97%
Total SAKs	6,723	100%	6,723	100%

The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	2,749	61%
Negative Biological Material Screen	1,782	39%
Total Results Received	4,531	100%

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	183	7%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	557	20%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	960	35%
Uploaded to CODIS	1,049	38%
Total Positive Biological Material Screen	2,749	100%

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the 17 current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through January 2011

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grants	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Totals
September 2009- August 2010	\$143,008	\$2,551,344	\$27,182	\$139,932	\$2,861,466
September 2010	\$0	\$253,068	\$0	\$0	\$253,068
October 2010	\$0	\$127,421	\$0	\$0	\$127,421
November 2010	\$0	\$85,525	\$0	\$0	\$85,525
December 2010	\$88,257	\$140,798	\$0	\$0	\$229,055
January 2011	\$66,102	\$30,112	\$0	\$0	\$96,214
Totals	\$297,367	\$3,188,268	\$27,182	\$139,932	\$3,652,749

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, five individuals were selected from the current certification list. All five individuals have begun employment as criminalists in the Forensic Biology Section. An individual has been selected for the supervising criminalist position and has been transferred to the Forensic Biology Section.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau has received 1,585 SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008, with 1,195 of these having completed testing. The remaining 390 SAKs are either in the process of being sent out or in queue for testing, and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	105	46	151
Pending Assignment	10	229	239
Total	115	275	390

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 404 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 404 cases, 259 are currently under investigation. One hundred forty-five cases are closed: 46 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 4 Non-Detained petitions (minor subject) were filed, 63 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 28 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. Three cases were referred to another law enforcement agency.

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Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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